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This Week in Wabash



Hello, Wabash,

Happy Monday. I hope your week has gotten off to a great start. Last night and this morning were pretty rainy, but I welcomed it after the weekend. I was careless on Saturday and didn't put on sunscreen before going to the park all afternoon. Since it's still April, I let my guard down. The bright sun takes no days off, however, and I'm still recovering. I'm sure I will be more careful in the future.



On Friday, I won two awards at the Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) 2021 Best in Indiana Journalism Contest.



This is the [third year in a row](#) I have been honored in this particular contest for work I've done as editor of the Plain Dealer.

However, just like with the four Hoosier State Press Association (HSPA) Better Newspaper Contest awards [I won last year](#), I never take any of it for granted. I'm extremely honored.

Please take time to check out my winning stories if you have a few minutes.



For my third place Personality Profile entry, I submitted [my story about 2021 Best of Wabash County winner Teizo Fox](#).



And for the Education Reporting category, I submitted five stories combined as one entry.

Two of them were about [the local Literacy for Companionship program, which pairs emerging readers with dogs and cats in need of a home.](#)

The third story in this entry was about Sharp Creek Elementary School teacher Amber Bretzman [teaching 9/11 to her fifth-graders 20 years later.](#)

For this entry, I also included [the acrostic poems](#) her students wrote as a part of the assignment.

I also included the Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 12, 2001 front pages of the Plain Dealer, which were published with the help of Wabash Carnegie Public Library executive director Ware Wimberly who dug them out of the archives.

The fourth story in this entry was about [Sharp Creek Elementary School K-Club members showing appreciation to local veterans on Veterans Day.](#)

And the fifth story in this entry was about the [results of the second year of Operation Reach Out.](#)

Finally, thank you to all of you who have been reading my work since I started here as editor in June 2019. I wouldn't be able to do it with you.

Well, that's all I have for you today. I hope you have a great rest of your week.

Best,

Rob



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